

mortal workplace dangers. The Accord has widespread support, and signatories include fifty major global apparel companies and retailers (including U.S. companies Abercrombie & Fitch, Sean John Apparel, and PVH Corporation). It has also received the support of civil society and international organizations, including the European Parliament, the United Nations, and the International Labour Organization.

The military exchanges should represent the best of American values—including those of fairness, justice, and commitment to human rights. This amendment is an important step toward ensuring that the United States military commissaries and exchanges are not unintentionally supporting abuses against garment workers in Bangladesh.

IN MEMORY OF CHARLES H.
JOYCE

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 14, 2013

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of a prominent and active New Yorker who passed away June 9, 2013. Charles H. Joyce of Andover, New York was a dear friend to many in the 23rd District.

Charlie worked in the oil and gas industry from the age of 14, rising to become President of Andover Oil, a company he built after his retirement from Otis Eastern Service, Inc. Considered an expert in the energy industry, he received an honorary membership in the Pipe Line Contractors Association for his outstanding contributions to the industry. Additionally, he was a long-time member of the New York State Oil Producers Association and served as President from 2008 until his passing.

Charlie dedicated himself to responsibly preserving the land he worked with, receiving many awards for his commitment to conservation. His passion for philanthropy led him to help countless others in Allegany County. He donated his time to numerous community groups, including the Andover Lions Club, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and the Wellsville Elks Club.

Our communities are enriched and improved by citizens like Charles H. Joyce and I am honored to commemorate his contributions. He was an outstanding member of our southern tier community and it is right that we honor his legacy here today in the official record of the United States.

HONORING DEE DEE D'ADAMO

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 14, 2013

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with my colleague, Mr. DENHAM to recognize Dee Dee D'Adamo as she is honored for her years of service to California's San Joaquin Valley. Dee Dee was recently appointed by

Governor Jerry Brown to the State Water Resources Control Board. This appointment is well deserved as Dee Dee has served in numerous roles to better the lives of the people of California and of the San Joaquin Valley.

Dee Dee graduated from the University of California, Davis in 1982, and continued her education at the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law. After receiving her Juris Doctorate, Dee Dee served on several committees for the California State Assembly. Dee Dee also served as a visiting lecturer at California State University, Stanislaus. She taught for the Department of Politics, so her courses ranged from U.S. government, to state government, and environmental policy.

Before her new appointment, Dee Dee served on the California Air Resources Board (CARB) as the Law Member since 1999 when she was appointed by Governor Gray Davis. She championed language on several of CARB's recommendations to the legislature. A couple years ago, CARB approved a cap and trade program that was aimed at reducing the state's greenhouse gas emissions. Dee Dee had a prominent role in ensuring that rural communities with agricultural based economies received their fair share of revenues.

Dee Dee also served the Valley at the federal level, working for several Members of Congress. She was the legislative director for Congressman Gary Condit from 1990–1991 and was his legal counsel from 1994–2003. Following her career with Representative Condit, Dee Dee was Congressman Dennis Cardoza's senior policy advisor for nearly ten years. When Representative Cardoza retired, Dee Dee joined Congressman JIM COSTA's staff. She served as the senior policy advisor for his office up until the day she was appointed to the State Water Resources Control Board.

In 2012, Dee Dee was honored as Woman of the Year for the 17th Assembly district by Assemblywoman Cathleen Galgiani. The knowledge and expertise that Dee Dee exhibits is truly admirable, and we are grateful to have had the opportunity to work with her over the past couple decades.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join Mr. DENHAM and myself in recognizing Dee Dee D'Adamo for the outstanding contributions she has made to our Valley and our entire nation. Dee Dee will undoubtedly prove to be an asset to the Governor's Administration.

IN HONOR OF CHIEF BARRY PILLA

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 14, 2013

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker I rise today to honor Chief Barry Pilla.

Day to day, we Americans are protected by the men and women in law enforcement who stand ready to serve. We owe them a debt of gratitude for their service and our peace of mind. On the occasion of the retirement of Northampton Township Police Chief Barry Pilla on July 1, 2013, we acknowledge his ability to achieve the goals he set for the department, while leading it with integrity and

honor. For more than 40 years, Chief Pilla dedicated his life to citizen protection and a safe community. He also created a work environment that fostered professional development and resulted in accomplishment. His life was dedicated to public service, beginning with the United States Army in 1968, followed by an exemplary police career. We join Northampton Township in thanking Chief Barry Pilla for his life's work and offer him our sincerest wishes for new adventures and many happy retirement years.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014

SPEECH OF

HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2013

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1960) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes:

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Chair, this en bloc includes my amendment to address a critical aspect of oversight for U.S. funds being spent in Afghanistan. It requires an assessment of the Afghan National Security Forces' (ANSF) capability to operate and manage the facilities currently being built for the Afghan National Police and Afghan National Army.

As we speak, the United States is undertaking a process whereby our servicemembers, as well as those of our allies, are redeploying. By the end of 2014, the Afghans will be fully responsible for their security. In the meantime, our efforts are now primarily focused on training the Afghans to take on their new role.

However, we are not only providing training: we are also investing millions in constructing facilities to be used by the Afghan Army and Police forces. In order to ensure the best use of this funding, we need to make sure that the structures will be able to serve the Afghans long after we leave. Proper operations and maintenance is the key.

Unfortunately, there is a serious deficit in this capability. In October 2012, the Special Inspector General for Afghan Reconstruction, or SIGAR, published an audit in which it noted a significant lack of trained personnel with the skills to operate and maintain ANSF critical facilities. They include vital systems such as water supply, waste water treatment and power generation.

The amendment will require the Department of Defense to assess, and report on, Afghan capability to address these needs and what is being done to prepare them to be able to do so. It is the best way to ensure that our investment will result in a national security force that will be able to meet Afghanistan's future security needs.

I would like to thank the Rules Committee for making this amendment in order and the Armed Services Committee for including it in this en bloc amendment.

RECOGNIZING RODRIC J. MYERS' 40 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE U.S. CONGRESS

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 14, 2013

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a Hoosier and a very dedicated public servant, Mr. Rodric Myers, who is retiring after serving Congress for more than 40 years.

Rod Myers grew up in my hometown of Indianapolis, Indiana and graduated from Shortridge High School. He comes from a family tradition of serving others and helping his community. His mother, Susie Myers, who was 100 years old when she died last year, was beloved by our community after teaching generations of public school and Sunday School students. Rod's brother, Bud, currently serves Indianapolis as the Director of our Public Housing Authority, but once served on Capitol Hill as the Chief of Staff to Congresswoman Barbara Jordan.

Rod followed his brother to Washington and was nominated to the U.S. Capitol Police Force by another great Hoosier, Congressman Andy Jacobs in 1972. Rod started as a uniformed patrol officer serving at the Capitol and eventually became the Administrative Specialist for the entire Capitol Division, with responsibilities for approximately 100 officers, including the daily roster assignment of officers. During his 29 years with the Capitol Police, Rod prided himself on promoting a disciplined force and keeping this campus safe. In 2001, Rod was appointed to serve as the Director of House Garages and Parking Security under the House Sergeant at Arms, where he served until his retirement this month. During his years of service in the House, Rod had the honor of working 10 Presidential Inaugurations and 40 State of the Union Addresses.

I have had the privilege to work directly with Rod on several occasions since coming to Congress. Earlier this year, my staff and I ran into a glitch when moving from the Cannon Building to Rayburn Building. We assumed it would be a time-consuming, bureaucratic nightmare. But with a quick trip downstairs and a conversation with Rod, everything was corrected. This is just one occasion and, in fact, he served the House well 9/11, during the anthrax attacks, and even during an earthquake. But this one instance, like others I have had over the years, illustrates just what this institution is losing in Rod Myers—a committed, efficient public servant.

His 40 years of service to the House have been distinguished by his professionalism and dedication to ensuring that the People's House remains safe, strong and always available for our constituents. Though we will miss him, we congratulate him on his much deserved retirement and wish him the very best.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN KLINE

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2013

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1960) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes:

Mr. KLINE. Mr. Chair, I rise today in support of my bipartisan amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act. The Kline-Hunter-Andrew-Polis amendment ensures the students I serve in Minnesota and throughout classrooms around the Nation are treated equally and given the same opportunities to enlist in the Armed Forces.

Currently, students who earn a high school diploma from charter schools, home schools, schools that use blended learning models, and other means of virtual education are required to score significantly higher on the Armed Forces Qualification Test than students enrolled in traditional secondary schools.

This policy, continued by the Department of Defense, disregards congressional intent established in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012.

Mr. Chair, as you know it is imperative that the recruiting and selection policies for enlistment are not only fair and consistent, but also in step with the evolution of the way our nation's students achieve a high school diploma.

Despite studies that show education credential tiers do not consistently reflect the attrition patterns of recruits, DOD continues to insist where you receive your education is the single best predictor of your ability to successfully adapt to service.

The bipartisan Kline-Hunter-Andrews-Polis amendment would put DOD back in line with the law and require them to set recruitment and enlistment policies that end this discriminatory requirement.

As Chairman of the House Committee on Education and Workforce, a member of the Armed Services Committee, and a retired Marine Colonel, I have a unique and fortunate position to ensure the young men and women enlisting in our Armed Forces have the best opportunity to support the defense of our nation.

Mr. Chair, the continuous innovation in education requires the adaptation of our recruiting policies. I urge my colleagues to support the dream of military service for all patriotic Americans who simply want the chance to be able to raise their hand and pledge to defend our nation without unnecessary burdens.

I urge my colleagues to support the Kline-Hunter-Andrews-Polis amendment.

HONORING THYRA THOMSON

HON. CYNTHIA M. LUMMIS

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 14, 2013

Mrs. LUMMIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a great American from my home state of Wyoming, Thyra Thomson.

The quintessential Wyoming Secretary of State, Thyra Thomson served for 24 years as Wyoming's second highest elected official and advocate-in-chief for all things Wyoming.

Thyra tirelessly engaged and mentored Wyoming people to be caring thought leaders for Wyoming's unique communities and culture.

Thyra was impeccably put together, inquisitive, well-traveled and well-read, and quick to initiate fascinating conversation.

Her encouragement and support of me and countless others around the state helped to build the unique Wyoming culture and its tapestry of compelling individuals.

Thyra survives through her family, her role in Wyoming history and her inspiration to her many friends of all ages.

IN HONOR OF SALLY RIDE'S LEGACY

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 14, 2013

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the legacy of Sally Ride.

On June 18, 1983, Dr. Sally Ride became the first American woman in space aboard the space shuttle Challenger—the first of her two flights as mission specialist.

The former astronaut, physicist, educator and space advocate left behind a legacy of accomplishments when she died last year at the age of 61. Her legacy continues to inspire and motivate young women with an interest in science, technology, math and engineering, while the company she founded advances those interests.

We acknowledge Dr. Ride's advocacy for young women in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math—a precursor to the "STEM" programs we know are so important today. As a strong proponent of STEM education and allied programs I will continue to applaud Dr. Ride's effort to encourage interest in science, space, and the technical fields by blazing a path for other women to follow.

HONORING ERMA SCOTT BRIDGEWATER

HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 14, 2013

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplished life of Mrs. Erma Scott Bridgewater who passed away on Tuesday April 2, 2013. She was a lifelong resident of Champaign, Illinois where she graduated from Champaign Senior High School and from the University of Illinois in 1937 with a degree in Sociology and a minor in Psychology.

Mrs. Erma Scott Bridgewater went on to work at the City of Champaign's Department of Recreation as the director of the Douglas Center. There she became an influential part of numerous children's lives as the girls' track and softball coach, a mentor for the Douglas Center Drum Corps and Drill Team, as well as a chaperone for skating parties and Friday night dances.